

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

ELSIE M. JUHNKE.

Plaintiff,

VS.

BANKERS LIFE AND CASUALTY
COMPANY, an Illinois corporation,
Subsidiary company of CNO
Financial Group, Inc.,

Defendant.

No. CV-12-363-LRS

ORDER RE STIPULATED MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

The parties have filed a “Stipulated Motion For Protective Order.” (ECF No. 27).

The court has developed concerns about entering protective orders that may result in the sealing of materials which do not justify that protection. While the court fully recognizes the right of the parties to enter into private agreements concerning the discovery, retention and inadvertent disclosure of otherwise confidential information, the court need not be a party to the agreement. Accepting the joint representation of the parties that sensitive information may be exchanged, to the extent either party concludes it is necessary to provide the court with copies of otherwise confidential materials to be considered in connection with issues coming before the court, such documents should be filed separately under seal with a courtesy

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1 copy sent to chambers. If an issue arises concerning discovery, dissemination or use
2 of such materials by either party, an appropriate motion can be noted for hearing.

3 Accordingly, the "Stipulated Motion For Protective Order" (ECF No. 27) is
4 **DENIED**.

5 **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The District Executive is directed to enter this order
6 and forward copies to counsel.

7 **DATED** this 4th of March, 2013.

8 *s/Lonny R. Sukko*
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10 LONNY R. SUKO
United States District Judge

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